

*Blatchleyana—II. A Supplementary List of the Published Writings of W. S. Blatchley.* Indianapolis, The Nature Publishing Company, 1939. 50 cents. 46 p., 3 pl.

This supplement to "Blatchleyana—1930" contains a list of Dr. Blatchley's published writings, and a chronology of his life from June 30, 1930, to September 1, 1939. In addition there are included extracts from some of his books, dedications and appreciations, and his reminiscences of James Whitcomb Riley. Entomologists and others who have never had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Blatchley personally, will be grateful for the interesting and intimate glimpses of his life, his thoughts, his philosophy and his beliefs, which this supplement affords.—H. B. W.

*A Laboratory Guide in Entomology. For Introductory Courses.*

By Robert Matheson, Ithaca, New York. Comstock Publishing Company, Inc., 1939. 11×8 inches. 135 p. 48 pl. Stiff paper covers. \$2.00.

This guide includes 28 studies covering the external and internal structures of insects, metamorphosis and growth, identification, wing venation, sound producing organs, studies of insects as social groups, pollinators, and in their relation to man, insect control, and the collection, mounting and preservation of insects. Its coverage for an introductory course in entomology is highly satisfactory and, I suspect, more adequate than is actually given in many places. Its numerous plates with their unlabelled figures together with the directions and explanations in the text would almost seem to make an instructor unnecessary, but in practice, such a degree of perfection is seldom attained.

With this laboratory guide, a student who has no skill in drawing what he sees, may label and interpret the drawings that are furnished for such purposes, thus saving for other things a lot of time and effort formerly devoted to bad, and in some cases, horrible draughtsmanship.

Instructors, as well as students, of entomology, will find Dr. Matheson's "guide" authentic and labor saving.—H. B. W.